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Goals and Plans for Distribution of Title VI, Part B Funds

The South Dakota Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS or Division) is committed to ensuring that rehabilitation services are made available on a statewide basis to individuals with the most severe disabilities who have not traditionally been competitively employed or for whom competitive employment has been interrupted or intermittent. These services are available through the Supported Employment Program.

South Dakota's annual allotment of Title VI-B funds is \$300,000. Over 95% of the Title VI-B funds are spent for consumer services. The state spends less than 5% of its allotment of Title VI-B funds for administrative costs. Supported employment funds are not expended until individuals with disabilities have been determined eligible for the 110 Vocational Rehabilitation Program. Supported Employment services are purchased by the vocational rehabilitation counselors through an authorization system. Expenditures exceeding the Title VI-B allotment are covered with funds from the 110 Program.

The Division will continue to expend over 95% of the Title VI-B funds on direct services for supported employment consumers. Supported employment expenditures exceeding the Federal allotment will continue to be paid from the 110 Vocational Rehabilitation funds. Supported employment funds will be authorized to approved providers of the consumer's choice. The amount of funds authorized will be based upon the individual's needs, type of placement, hours and type of employment.

During the next fiscal year, the Division plans to distribute the Title VI-B funds through the fee for service system as traditionally done in previous years. This allows for consumers who have greater needs to receive the level of services necessary to help them obtain supported employment. The Division will also continue outcome-based contracts with mental health centers for supported employment services for individuals with severe and persistent mental illness. This contract model has encouraged the mental health centers to provide supported employment services and is a more accessible method of supported employment services for these consumers. We feel these initiatives will help promote the employment of individuals with the most severe disabilities.

The total supported employment clients for FFY2012 were 575, and estimated for FFY 2013 are 575 clients and estimated for FFY 2014 is 585 clients.

Number of Supported Employment Consumers

	FFY 2011	FFY 2012	FFY 2013 Estimates	FFY 2014 Estimates
Individuals Rehabilitated Successfully	126	145	150	160
Individuals unsuccessful	72	84	85	85
Total Supported Employment Consumers	515	566	575	585